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XXII. THE QUESTION OF CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTION TO MILITARY SERVICE

1. The Commission considered agenda item 22 at its 54th meeting, on 20 April 1998, and at its 58th meeting, on 22 April 1998. 1/

2. For the documents issued under agenda item 22, see annex IV to the present report. For a list of all resolutions and decisions adopted by the Commission and Chairman's statements, by agenda item, see annex V to the present report.

3. In the general debate on agenda item 22, the Commission heard a statement by the observer for Singapore.

4. The Commission also heard statements by the following non-governmental organizations: Friends World Committee for Consultation (Quakers) (joint statement with Amnesty International), International Institute for Peace, Latin American Federation of Associations of Relatives of Disappeared Detainees, Pax Christi International, Pax Romana, War Resisters' International, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

Conscientious objection to military service

5. At its 58th meeting, on 22 April 1998, the observer for Finland introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/1998/L.93, sponsored by Austria, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Hungary and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Canada subsequently joined the sponsors.

6. A statement in connection with the draft resolution was made by the representative of Mexico.

7. A statement in explanation of vote after the vote was made by the representative of the Republic of Korea.

8. The draft resolution was adopted without a vote. For the text of the resolution as adopted, see chapter II, section A, resolution 1998/77.